

improved community awareness of defense and training issues; and they have facilitated direct interaction between members of the community and senior military service leaders. The accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance have helped ensure that the military facilities in North Florida remain a cornerstone of the local communities for many years to come. The most recent triumph has been the addition of a squadron of F-22s to Tyndall Air Force Base. Without their constant dedication, vigilance and support, the Air Force surely would not have looked so favorably on our region.

Madam Speaker, when anyone needs an example of true patriotism, they need look no further than to this organization of Floridians who achieved remarkable success while in humble service to their fellow citizens. On behalf of the Congress, I applaud the accomplishments of the Bay Defense Alliance and thank its members for their continued support for the United States Armed Forces and the citizens of North Florida.

RECOGNIZING MR. DENNY FLYNN'S INDUCTION INTO THE PRORODEO HALL OF FAME

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Denny Flynn, a rodeo legend from Charleston, Arkansas who was recently inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for lifetime achievement.

Flynn, a three-time National Finals Rodeo bull riding champion, began his professional career in 1974 after getting his start riding horses and bulls when he was a teenager.

He qualified for the National Finals Rodeo 10 times and set a record for most bull riding average titles won at the NFR.

Hall of Fame inductees are selected by a committee of former contestants, Professional Rodeo Cowboys association officials and rodeo experts. His induction is undoubtedly an added honor to his professional career.

I congratulate Mr. Flynn for his induction and wish him continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on July 28, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 476. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 476: "yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 5822, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE SUPPLE-
MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support, H.R. 5874. The purpose of H.R. 5874 is simple: it would allow the USPTO to access more of the fees that it will collect in FY2010.

This year, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, also known as the USPTO, is expected to collect more in user fees than they are permitted to retain. As everyone in the patent community is aware, I, with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, have worked to ensure that the USPTO has the resources it needs. Part of that equation is for the USPTO to retain the user fees that they collect from patent and trademark applicants.

While not perfect, H.R. 5874 significantly moves the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the right direction by enabling the USPTO to continue the progress they have made already in reducing the backlog and shortening pendency.

I would have liked to see the President requested buffer of \$150 million also included in this legislation because that is the only way to ensure that ALL user fees collected in FY2010 will be retained; however, H.R. 5874 is a big step forward and is undeniably better than the current situation.

I thank the Appropriators for working with us on this Presidential request and for honoring the spirit of the gentlemen's agreement.

I urge my colleagues to join IPO, AIPLA, ABA IP Section, ACT, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Treasury Employees Union, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others, and support this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, due to an illness in my family I was not able to be present for votes on July 13th through July 15th.

Had I been present for rollcall 434 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4514 Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 435 on motion to suspend the rules and pass as amended, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4438 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2010.

Had I been present for rollcall 436 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4773 Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 438 on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted in favor of providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework pro-

gram that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes.

Had I been present for rollcall 439 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, I would have voted in favor of amending the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extend continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of costal changes.

Had I been present for rollcall 441 on passage, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1722 Telework Improvements Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 442 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, I would have voted in favor of S. 1508 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 443 on agreeing to the resolution, I would have voted in favor of providing for consideration of H.R. 5114 Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act.

Had I been present for rollcall 444 on agreeing to the amendment, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5114 Murphy of New York Amendment No. 11.

Had I been present for rollcall 447 on passage, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1722 the Telework Improvements Act.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE PIL- GRIM MONUMENT IN PROVINCE- TOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the centennial of the dedication of the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

One hundred years ago, on the fifth of August, 1910, United States President William H. Taft and Eben Draper, then-Governor of Massachusetts, joined scores of visitors as they congregated around the base of the 252-foot tower in celebration of the newly constructed memorial honoring the 102 brave passengers of the Mayflower and its historic journey.

It was there on the tip of Cape Cod in 1620, among harsh gusts of a November wind, that forty-one men drafted the first democratic covenant of the New World—the Mayflower Compact. It was their dreams of self-governance that instilled in us the strongest of our political and ethical morals; and it was their perseverance that would soon bring them to establish Plymouth Plantation.

Today, one hundred years later, the steady climb up a winding staircase will lead you to a panoramic vista with strained glimpses of a Boston sky-line far in the distance. Although the immediate view beneath High Pole Hill has been much altered in the century since, the fog rolling across Cape Cod bay, the tranquil waters momentarily broken by the distant breach of a humpback whale, and the sting of the salt breeze, are reminiscent of our Pilgrims' experiences of this wonderful new land.